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Editor's note: Please call if you would like to interview Supervisor Greg Cox.

NON-ESSENTIAL COUNTY EMPLOYEES ASKED TO STAY HOME

County of San Diego Institutes Limited Operations Schedule Due to Fires

Due to the ongoing crisis triggered by several wildfires, the County of San Diego is instituting a limited operating schedule for Monday, Oct. 27, and asking non-essential employees to stay home. If in doubt, employees should call their supervisor.

"The County of San Diego will remain open to provide essential services to County residents. However, it is also important to keep the roadways as clear as possible for emergency vehicles, and that is why we are limiting our operations until further notice," said County Chief Administrative Officer Walt Ekard.

"As a reminder, during this time of high demand for our limited resources, I encourage all San Diego County residents stay calm, and help each other whenever possible," Ekard said.

County employees who need to find out if they must report for work tomorrow, can call a special hotline at 1-858-715-2226.

Among the offices to be closed Monday will be: all County libraries, all Superior Courts, Health and Human Services Family Resource Centers, Assessor/Recorder/Clerk, Treasurer-Tax Collector, and public offices of Planning and Land Use, Department of Public Works and Environmental Health. The Registrar of Voters, Purchasing and Contracting, Housing and Community Development also will be closed. In addition, General Services will be closed, except for facilities services staff, who should report for work. Animal Services staff should contact their supervisors as to whether they should report to work.

Hospitals have also asked their employees to check with their supervisors to find out if they should report to work tonight and tomorrow.

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